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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE CONTROLS FOR TRAVELLERS

REF: A. MILAN 805, B. STATE 84041

1. APPRECIATE CONGEN APPRISING EMBASSY OF CURRENT DIFFICULTIES (REF A). SITUATION AS REPORTED REFTEL CONCERNING INCREASED PENALTIES FOR EXCHANGE CONTROL VIOLATIONS IS ACCURATE. SANCTIONS ON EXCHANGE CONTROL VIOLATIONS ARE NO LONGER LIMITED TO FINES BUT ALSO INCLUDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

2. ITALIAN EXCHANGE CONTROL AUTHORITIES TELL US THAT THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO LEAFLETS (REF B) EXPLAINING REGULATIONS FOR ARRIVING VISITORS AND POINTING OUT THAT THEY MUST DECLARE ALL FUNDS BROUGHT INTO ITALY WHEN ENTERING SO THAT THEY CAN PROVE UPON DEPARTURE THAT THEY ARE NOT TAKING OUT MORE THAN THEY BROUGHT IN.

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3. CURRENT ADVISORY PROCEDURES WITH REGARD TO ENTERING

VISITORS CONSIST EXCLUSIVELY OF LARGE NOTICE PRINTED IN FOUR LANGUAGES, INCLUDING ENGLISH, WHICH WE ARE TOLD IS CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED AT ALL ITALIAN ENTRY POINTS. TEXT OF NOTICE IS:
"NOTE FOR NON-RESIDENT TRAVELLERS: PLEASE NOTE THAT IMPORT AND EXPORT OF ITALIAN BANKNOTES ARE ALLOWED UP TO LIRA 35,000 FOR EACH PERSON. IMPORT OF FOREIGN BANKNOTES AND OTHER MEANS OF PAYMENTS EXPRESSED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES IS FREE: IN ORDER TO RE-EXPORT THEM, NON RESIDENT TRAVELLERS, ENTERING ITALY, HAVE TO FILL A CUSTOM FORM (MOD. V2)."

4. EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED ITALIAN EXCHANGE CONTROL AUTHORITIES TO URGE IMPROVED ADVISORY PROCEDURES PREFERABLY BY PROVIDING ADVICE DIRECTLY TO EACH INDIVIDUAL.VOLPE

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